

Arkansas

Milk Production Report



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This report contains the results from the quarterly Milk Production Survey conducted during the first part of January 2006. A sample of Arkansas milk producers was contacted and the data as of January 1 (for the October 1 through December 31 period) were obtained for the latest milk cow and milk production estimates. The annual data were compiled from the Milk Production Survey in January, April, July and October during the year. The data are also posted on our web site at the Internet address above, and more detailed national report at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire and interview for the survey.

Fourth Quarter Milk Production Down 7 Percent

Arkansas milk production during October-December 2005 quarter, was 67 million pounds, down 7 percent from the same period in 2004, and down 8 percent below the previous July-September 2005 quarter. The average number of milk cow on farms during the quarter was 21,000 head, 2,000 head less than the same period last year, and down 1,000 head from the previous quarter.

Milk Cows and Production by Quarter and Annual, Arkansas and U.S., 2004-2005						
Item/Period	Arkansas			United States		
	2004	2005	% Chg.	2004	2005	% Chg.
	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Thousand</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Milk Cows¹						
4 th Quarter, October - December	23	21	-9	9,019	9,060	+1
3 rd Quarter, July - September	24	22	-8	9,027	9,060	0
2 nd Quarter, April - June	24	23	-4	9,004	9,041	0
1 st Quarter, January - March	25	23	-8	8,996	9,002	0
Annual Average Number	24	22	-8	9,012	9,041	0
	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Milk Production²						
4 th Quarter, October - December	72	67	-7	42,041	43,674	+4
3 rd Quarter, July - September	74	73	-1	42,236	44,134	+5
2 nd Quarter, April - June	88	80	-9	43,870	45,831	+5
1 st Quarter, January - March	89	77	-13	42,787	43,350	+1
Annual Total Production	323	297	-8	170,934	176,989	+4
	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Annual Milk Production per Cow	13,458	13,500	0	18,967	19,576	+3
	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>Number</i>		<i>Percent</i>
Number of Milk Cow Operations	380	320	-16	81,520	78,295	-4
<i>Licensed Dairy Herds³</i>	240	210	-12	66,825	64,555	-3

¹ Average number for the period includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

² Excludes milk nursed by calves.

³ Average number of dairy farms licensed to sell milk, based on counts collected from State and other regulatory agencies.

**Milk Production, October-December Quarter
Arkansas and U.S., 1996-2005**

